



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2643
PATENT**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shirou SUZUKI

Application No.: 09/189,637

Filed: November 10, 1998

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the October 31, 2003 Final Office Action, the period for response having been extended to March 1, 2004 (February 29, 2004, being a Sunday) by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.